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To Whom It May Concern:

This is in regard to downed animal slaughter. Please grant petition #98P-0151/CP1 which will prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Some of the reasons for this are:

1. Animals should not enter the human food chain if they are sick or injured.
2. There are not enough downed animals to make a difference as far as causing hardship due to not marketing them.
3. With the proper care and handling of livestock in the first place, 90% of downed animals could be prevented.
4. Downed animals are treated very inhumanely getting them to slaughter and end up with more injuries.

Please pass this petition. We do not need to risk contacting any more disease from animals. There is enough out there already and it is totally unnecessary.

Sincerely,



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